

III. REMARKS

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended. Claims 43-71 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-38 and 40-42 remain pending.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and remove items from appeal.

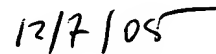
For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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